ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE IBD-ASSOCIATED MICROBIAL NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

The present invention provides nucleic acid and amino acid sequence of the novel I-1 and I-2 polypeptides,

5 which are associated with human inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Methods of diagnosing and treating inflammatory bowel disease using the IBD-associated I-1 and I-2 antigens also are provided.